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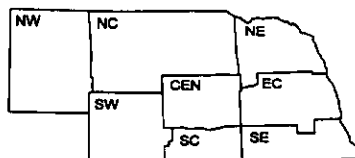
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week varied from three degrees above normals in the Panhandle up to thirteen degrees above normals in the northeast. Precipitation was widespread across the State with amounts averaging from a trace to around a third of an inch.

GENERAL

Above normal temperatures and limited snowfall during most of February provided open conditions for livestock grazing but left the wheat crop unprotected, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. February moisture in the form of rain and snow was limited across much of Nebraska. However, as February ended, snow accumulations of up to eight inches were recorded in parts of the Panhandle. Most farm grain stored was reported in good condition. Producer activities during February included tax and Ag Census record keeping, attending meetings, delivering grain to

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elevators, equipment maintenance, and livestock care.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 3% poor, 35% fair, 48% good, and 14% excellent. Some reports in western counties indicated the crop was coming out of dormancy early due to the mild temperatures. Without adequate snow cover, this could result in above normal winterkill should hard freezing temperatures return.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Hay and forage supplies were mostly adequate. Open conditions during the month of February, enabled livestock to make continued use of stalks. Calving activities were 18% complete with minimal calf losses reported. Cattle conditions rated 8% fair, 76% good, and 16% excellent.

WINTER REPORTING AS OF MARCH 1, 1998	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS							STATE	LAST REPORT	LAST YEAR	
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC				SE
PERCENT											
% Cows Calved	15	14	12	14	22	28	31	17	18	4	19
SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY AND FORAGE AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1998											
Feed Grains - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Percent) - Short	10	1	1	1	2	2	5	0	2	2	3
- Adequate	85	92	85	94	84	90	90	78	88	88	91
- Surplus	5	7	14	5	14	8	5	22	10	10	6
Hay and Forage - Very Short	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
(Percent) - Short	8	16	15	1	4	13	16	7	11	13	14
- Adequate	84	81	79	91	93	84	80	82	84	83	81
- Surplus	8	3	4	8	3	3	4	11	5	4	4

n/a = not available

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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR
WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1998

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	60	21	33	---	.52
	Scottsbluff	62	19	35	+3	34
	Sidney	59	20	36	---	01
NC	Valentine	69	17	35	+7	.02
NE	Norfolk	68	22	39	+11	04
	Sioux City	64	24	40	+13	17
CEN	Grand Island	65	23	39	+9	.10
	Ord	61	24	37	---	T
EC	Lincoln	69	25	42	+12	T
	Omaha	64	24	41	+11	.06
SW	Imperial	60	19	37	---	.02
	North Platte	57	19	37	+7	.24

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1998